



# PWS Technical & Financial Assistance Quick Reference Guide

The purpose of this reference guide is to provide an overview of the assistance (financial, planning, technical) and training available to Kansas public water supply systems and operators. For requirements related to a specific program included in this guide please contact the party listed.

## Agency/Organization Webpage Addresses

Agency/Organization	Webpage Address
Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) – Bureau of Water	<a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/water/index.html">http://www.kdheks.gov/water/index.html</a>
Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC) – Community Resource Page	<a href="http://kdoch.state.ks.us/public/resources/communities/list.jsp">http://kdoch.state.ks.us/public/resources/communities/list.jsp</a>
Kansas Water Office (KWO)	<a href="http://www.kwo.org/">http://www.kwo.org/</a>
Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources (KDA-DWR)	<a href="http://www.ksda.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=173">http://www.ksda.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=173</a>
USDA Rural Development (USDA,RD) – Water & Environmental Home Page	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm">http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm</a>
Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA)	<a href="http://www.krwa.net/homepage/default.asp">http://www.krwa.net/homepage/default.asp</a>
League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM)	<a href="http://www.lkm.org/">http://www.lkm.org/</a>
Midwest Assistance Program (MAP)	<a href="http://www.map-inc.org/">http://www.map-inc.org/</a>
Kansas Section American Water Works Association (KsAWWA)	<a href="http://www.ksawwa.org/">http://www.ksawwa.org/</a>
Kansas Rural Water Finance Authority (KRWFA)	<a href="http://www.krwa.net/finance/financeauth.htm">http://www.krwa.net/finance/financeauth.htm</a>
Ranson Financial Consultants L.L.C.	<a href="http://www.ransonfinancial.com/">http://www.ransonfinancial.com/</a>

## Financial Assistance

Agency	Program	Eligibility	Funding Type	Application Cycle	Application Criteria	Contact
KS Dept. of Health & Environment	Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund	Municipally owned PWS and RWDs	Loans only	Submit expression of interest by 7/1	Compliance with regulations & consolidation	<b>William Carr</b> - KDHE (785) 296-0735 bcarr@kdhe.state.ks.us
KS Dept. of Commerce	Community Development Block Grant	Cities, RWDs through county	Grants only	Submit application by 10/2	Meet low-to-moderate income requirements	<b>Debbie Beck</b> - KDOC (785) 296-7092 dbeck@kansascommerce.com
KS Dept. of Commerce	KanStep	Cities, RWDs through county	Grants for materials w/local volunteers for labor	Open	Meet low-to-moderate income requirements	<b>Salih Doughramaji</b> - KDOC (785) 296-3610 salih@kansascommerce.com
USDA Rural Development	Grant & Loan and guaranteed loan	Cities, RWDs with population under 10,000	Loans/Grants	Open	Should not compete with commercial credit	<b>Gary Smith</b> – USDA,RD (785) 271-2728 gary.smith@ks.usda.gov
Midwest Assistance Program	Community Revolving Loan Fund	Cities, RWDs population under 10,000 in nine state service area	Loan only	Open	For short or intermediate term loans for planning or small projects	<b>Russ Serbus</b> - MAP 1-800-822-2981 (952) 758-4334 rsm@bevcomm.net
Bonds/Leases	General Obligation, Revenue Bonds	Cities, RWDs, others	Technically not a loan, but similar	Open	Debt authority, ability to meet debt service coverage ratios	Financial advisor or other financial institution, Kansas Rural Water Finance Authority (See webpage above)

## Planning Assistance

Agency	Program	Program Description	Eligibility	Contact
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Regional PWS Planning Grant	Provides 50/50 cost share grant to local PWS sponsors for feasibility studies	Must benefit at least 3 PWS systems	<b>Cathy Tucker-Vogel</b> - KDHE (785) 368-7130 ctuckerv@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Financial Planning Assistance	Provides planning assistance for rate-setting and capital improvement planning via a contract with Ranson Financial Consultants	Open to any PWS system in Kansas. Priority given to High Priority Systems on TFM survey	<b>Cathy Tucker-Vogel</b> - KDHE (785) 368-7130 ctuckerv@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Source Water Protection & Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategy	Provides assistance for source water protection and watershed planning at no cost	Open to any PWS system in Kansas	<b>Sheryl Ervin</b> - KDHE (785) 296-8038 servin@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Rural Water Association	Source Water Protection – Water Rights Issues	Assistance for wellhead protection, water rights issues, and watershed protection	Open to any PWS system in Kansas	<b>Elmer Ronnebaum</b> –KRWA (785) 336-3760 krwa@krwa.net
Kansas Water Office	Facilitation Services	Provides facilitation services to PWS systems for resolving system issues and conflicts	All PWS systems	<b>Ken Grotewiel</b> – KWO (785) 296-0868 kgrotewiel@kwo.state.ks.us

### Technical Assistance

Agency	Program	Program Description	Eligibility	Contact
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment (KDHE)	2% Small Systems Technical Assistance	Provides technical assistance to small systems via a contract with the Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA)	PWS systems with a population under 10,000	<b>Dave Waldo</b> – KDHE (785) 296-5503 dwaldo@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Cathy Tucker-Vogel</b> – KDHE (785) 368-7130 ctuckerv@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Elmer Ronnebaum</b> – KRWA (785) 336-3760 krwa@krwa.net
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	District Office Operations	Conducts sanitary surveys and provides technical assistance to PWS systems within the specific KDHE district	All PWS systems	Northeast – (785) 842-4600 North Central – (785) 827-9639 Northwest – (785) 625-5664 Southeast – (620) 431-2390 South Central – (316) 337-6020 Southwest – (620) 225-0596
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Back-up Operator Program	Provides funding to train and certify a back-up operator	PWS serving population 3,300 or less and has only 1 certified operator	<b>Vickie Wessel</b> - KDHE (785) 296-2976 vwessel@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Teresa Schuyler</b> – KDHE (785) 296-5511 tschuyle@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Emergency technical assistance for Operators-In-Training	Provides technical assistance for PWS that loses sole certified operator via a contract with KRWA	PWS serving population 3,300 or less and must have prior approval of KDHE	<b>Vickie Wessel</b> – KDHE (785) 296-2976 vwessel@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Teresa Schuyler</b> – KDHE (785) 296-5511 tschuyle@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Water Office	Technical Assistance to Public Water Suppliers	Provides technical assistance for water conservation planning & leak detection via a contract with KRWA	All PWS systems with priority focused on systems with high unaccounted water loss.	<b>Margaret Fast</b> – KWO (785) 296-0865 mfast@kwo.state.ks.us <b>Elmer Ronnebaum</b> – KRWA (785) 336-3760 krwa@krwa.net
Kansas Rural Water Association	Circuit Rider & Technical Assistance	Provides technical assistance to PWS systems statewide	All PWS systems	<b>Elmer Ronnebaum</b> – KRWA (785) 336-3760 krwa@krwa.net
Midwest Assistance Program	Technical Assistance	Assistance to PWS seeking funding from USDA-RD & assistance with management planning & risk management planning	PWS under population 10,000	<b>Phillip Fishburn</b> – MAP (620) 465-2780 pfishburn@hanveks.net
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources	Municipal Water Use Reporting	Provides technical assistance for completion of annual water use reports	All PWS systems	<b>Lane Letourneau</b> – KDA-DWR (785) 296-2940 lletourneau@kda.state.ks.us

### Training Opportunities

Agency	Program	Program Description	Eligibility	Contact
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	KanCap	Educational tool addressing the technical, managerial and financial responsibilities related to operation of a PWS. Target audience is RWD boards and city councils	No restrictions	<b>Cathy Tucker-Vogel</b> - KDHE (785) 368-7130 ctuckerv@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Operators Annual School	Held each year in Lawrence. Provides continuing ed. credits and testing for certification.	Open to all operators	<b>Vickie Wessel</b> – KDHE (785) 296-2976 vwessel@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Teresa Schuyler</b> – KDHE (785) 296-5511 tschuyle@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment	Small System Water Operator Training Workshops	Operator training at no cost for small systems provided by Environmental Consulting Services under a contract with KDHE	Open to operators serving PWS with population 3,300 or less	<b>Tim Hobson</b> – ECS (785) 825-6013 tjhobson@sbcglobal.net
Other KDHE Approved Operator Training	Water Operator Training	Coalition of training providers that conduct operator training on multiple topics. Sessions are held in various locations throughout the state. Information can be found at: <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/water/www.html">http://www.kdheks.gov/water/www.html</a>	Open to all operators	<b>Vickie Wessel</b> – KDHE (785) 296-2976 vwessel@kdhe.state.ks.us <b>Teresa Schuyler</b> – KDHE (785) 296-5511 tschuyle@kdhe.state.ks.us
Kansas Rural Water Association	Operator Training	Provides operator training on multiple topics. Sessions are held in various locations throughout the state	Open to all operators	<b>Elmer Ronnebaum</b> – KRWA (785) 336-3760 krwa@krwa.net
League of Kansas Municipalities	Municipal Leadership Academy	Interactive curriculum that develops the knowledge and enhances the leadership abilities of those who serve the cities of Kansas	Open to both elected and appointed city officials	<b>Mark Tomb</b> - LKM (785) 354-9565 mtomb@lkm.org
Kansas Section American Waterworks Association	Operator Training Committee	Provides technical, educational and training support to PWS operators. Conducts regional workshops	Open to all PWS operators	<b>Hank Corcoran-Boyer</b> (785) 826-9163 hboyer@cox.net

For more information on the Kansas Public Water Supply Program call (785) 296-5514.  
Or visit the KDHE web page: <http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/index.html>